

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2026

St. Sebastian Catholic Parish in Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (954)524-9344



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Just stop by the office or call for arrangements.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
4:00-4:45 pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill. **The last minute may be too late.**

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered yet as a parishioner of St. Sebastian, we invite you to do so in order to be recognized as a member of our parish.

Registration form is available in the church, at the office, or online.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Takes place in our **Chapel of the Divine Healer** on **Fridays** after morning Mass until 5:00 pm.

We still need adorers of the **Holy Eucharist** for the following times: 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm & 3-4 pm.

Please contact the office if you are able to come to any of those hours.

Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 pm—**Confessions**
Saturday 5 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 6:00pm

Weekdays

8:30 am (Monday through Friday)

OFFICE : SUMMER HOURS

Monday , Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday, Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Weekends Closed

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"BUT SOME SEED FELL ON RICH SOIL, AND PRODUCED FRUIT, A HUNDRED OR SIXTY OR THIRTY FOLD."

This weekend, Jesus teaches us through the parable of the sower who goes out and scatters the seed freely. Jesus himself explains the parable that he is the Sower of the Word of God.

The word falls in different places:

'The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart.'

'The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away.'

'The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.'

'But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold'.

In Isaiah, God promises that his word will produce fruit, that it will not return to him 'void without achieving the end for which He sent it' (Is 55:11). His word is efficient. Through his word He created all things; what He says will come to be or to be done.

Ultimately, we understand that Jesus is the Word incarnate as we read it in the beginning of John's Gospel: *"In the beginning was the Word: The Word was with God and the Word was God. (...) Through him all things came into being (...). The Word was the real light that gives light to everyone (...). The Word became flesh; he lived among us (...). John 1:1---18.*

Jesus recommends that we welcome the Word and understand it. God's Word comes to us from the Sacred Scriptures, the Sacred Tradition and the Teachings of the Church. Vatican II in its Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum, DV) explains at great length how we should value and study the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures. In the Catholic Church, we recognize the fight against Protestantism in the past led to less encouragement about reading the Bible. The Church was right because Martin Luther was teaching that we do not need the Church teachings and the Hierarchy, that we need only the Scripture ('Sola Scriptura'), which is false. Vatican II was revolutionary in this sense that it insisted that we should all read the Scriptures: *"Access to the sacred Scripture must be open wide to the Christian faithful". "Likewise, the sacred Synod forcefully and specifically exhorts the Christian faithful, especially those who live the religious life, to learn "the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ" (Phil 3:8) by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (DV25).* If you are familiar with the Legion of Mary, you know that this organization has rules that cannot be modified or changed in any way. Yet in Burundi, the Bishops requested that Legion of Mary meetings would not take place unless they included the reading of God's Word.

Each one of us is invited to open our life to word of God. To make our lives that rich soil where the seed can grow and bear fruit. We do not have to be scholars of the Bible, we just need to find some quiet time and read our Bible. Maybe starting with one of the Gospels in order to understand more who Jesus is and his mission. St. Paul advises us to 'let God's word dwell in us richly' (Col 3:16). This means to read and meditate, so as to get the message that God wants us to hear from his word. According to the expression of Saint Ambrosius, 'we speak to him when we pray; we listen to him when we read the divine oracles'. (DV. 25)

FR. ERNEST

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

5:00 pm.

Guerin

JULY 11 Saint Benedict

† Joan Fuccillo, by Family

† Joan Gorman, by Jim and Rosemary

Wellbeing of Layos Family, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

SUNDAY

8:30 am

Annie

Maite

JULY 12

† Hector Aranibar Diaz, by Rossanna Ryan
In Thanksgiving for Francy Gonzalez, by Marie Pierotti

In Thanksgiving for Maite Saint Surin by Saint Surin

11:00 am

6:00 pm

† Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

Wellbeing of Doleen Borba,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

MONDAY

8:30 am

JULY 13 Saint Henry

† Brad Leal, by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

† Michele Pittler, by Lois Pittler

TUESDAY

8:30 am

JULY 14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Wellbeing of Joan Borba,
by Joseph and Jennifer Borba

**WEDNESDAY
of the**

8:30 am

**JULY 15 Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor
Church**

† Juana Esperanza Madera Posada,
By Sajdera Family

† Connor Andrew Griffin, by Sajdera Family
Wellbeing of Jennifer Borba, by Family

THURSDAY

8:30 am

JULY 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

† Ossi Pierotti, by Anna Marie Pierotti
For Religious Vocations, by Francy

FRIDAY

8:30 am

JULY 17

† Brad Leal, by Joeeph and Jennifer Borba

"New Office Summer Hours"

Monday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed



RCIA and FAITH FORMATION

Registrations will open in August,
and Classes are scheduled to begin
in September.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Conditions to receive the Eucharist

- *Be a practicing Catholic and*
- *without mortal sin.*
- *Must confess mortal sins before receiving.*
- *Divorced who are single can receive.*
- *Those in a civil marriage or cohabitating cannot receive until they are married in the Church.*

Note: For any question or to begin the annulment process for a previous marriage, please contact the Pastor.

We should also make an effort to have the right attire and be punctual for Mass.



REMEMBER THE SICK

Fr. Liam Quinn, Suzanne Plum, Gail Mills, Jr., John Harris, Stephen Black, Alvaro Arevalo, Paul Ristow, Matt Keyzers, Judy Flood, Sister Frances Voss, O.S.C., Rob Messerschmidt, Anne McCormick, Ray Wicklander, Kathy Mahoney, Linda Spitzer, Blake-Leigh Riley, Melissa Mirabile, Marge Mitchell, Jean Gorman, Ed Kidd, Mary Beth Vogler, Joel Rivera, Anthony Cotilus, Mark Bromage, Jonathan Hughes, Donato Montanaro, Sean Ennis, William Hirsch, Gary Demberg, Lawrence Biondi S.J., Angela Cowherd, Danielle Barisch, Deborah Castillo, Georgianna Eschen, Ruth McKelvie, Cathy Day, Mona Terry, Douglas Ham, Taylor Ellis, Monica Albelo, Jul Lenihan, Marian Lenihan, Patrick Hayes, Lilia Garcia, Maria Badilla, Maryellen Maher,

SAVE the DATE

- **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY** invites everyone to pray the Rosary from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at the Mosaic on the northwest side of the church on the following Saturdays: July 11, August 15, September 12, and October 10.



"PLEASE REMEMBER— in addition to food and hygiene items, the Pantry needs plastic grocery bags for food distribution, and **empty clean egg cartons for 12 eggs.** You can also place these items in the shopping carts. If you know of anyone in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, and closes at 3:15 PM. The Food Bank is currently in special need of canned meat, fish or similar protein items.

Please continue your support of our neighbors in need through the SVDP poor boxes in the church.

First time must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

St. Vincent de Paul report for May, 2026: served **1106** clients, representing **3648** individuals. The Expenses were **\$6,505.62** This figure includes partial rent and utility requested, gift cards, and other opera-



Are you concerned about someone else's drinking?
We can Help!



Closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous for those who have a desire to stop drinking.

Meetings are held every Monday, at 7:30



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the men and women that you have called to discern the calling to priesthood and religious life. We pray for your continued blessing on our Archdiocese of Miami and on all our families. Call forth more women and men of generous spirit and fervent love whom you desire for this holy work. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

**LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY**

We invite everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, Monday - Friday, at 7:50 am. Before daily Mass. in the Chapel of the Divine Healer.
A Rosary a day keeps

**BIBLE SHARING**

Join us every Thursday in the Parish Hall from 9:15 to 10:30 am.

Now sharing about:

The Gospel According to Saint John

For more information, please contact Miriam Rivas at 954-673-1522

**FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI**

ABCD

The Word of God has the power to transform lives and bear abundant fruit. Through the ministries supported by the ABCD, seeds of faith are planted in hearts throughout South Florida, bringing hope, healing, and spiritual growth. Help us continue this mission by making a gift at www.isupportABCD.com.

Planned Giving

A planned gift is a powerful way to ensure that the seeds of faith you have cultivated during your lifetime continue to grow for generations to come. Your legacy can help sustain the Church's ministries and outreach efforts far into the future.

For more information about giving opportunities or to discuss planned giving options, please contact the Development Office Katie Blanco Bourdeau or visit the Archdiocese's website at www.adomgift.org.

WEEKDAY MASS 8:30 AM

**IN THE CHAPEL OF THE
DIVINE HEALER**

**SANDWICH MINISTRY**

Hello Everyone,

WE WILL NOT BE MAKING SANDWICHES DURING JULY

Lois Pittler: 561-307-2128

Thank you all and have a blessed summer!

Welcome, Summer Visitors!

Wishing all our Parishioners a blessed and safe travel season.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DONATION**

You may use this QR code to donate to our Parish.



Mass intentions are available through the parish office. Please submit your request at **least one week in advance**, no later than Wednesday for the following week.

PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR BETTER PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

With your smart phone or computer, you can find Daily Mass Readings and Prayers easily. Search for: **Daily Bible Readings USCCB** or **WWW.USCCB.ORG** For Prayers, go to **Mass Prayer** or **Order of Mass**. (USCCB, stands for US Conference of Catholic Bishops).